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1. "On 17 May 51 the Central Radio Information Office in Moscow ('Sov-Radio-Informatsiya'), headed by Comrade Puzin, instructed the Central Office of Soviet Trade Unions that all workers and Party clubs, as well as factory and youth canteens, should be equipped with the new standard radio sets, 'Volkov-51' type, produced in 1950-51. All other radio sets should be replaced by this new type within the shortest possible time.
2. "The new sets, manufactured upon orders of and distributed by the Soviet Ministry for the Production of Signal Equipment (~~USSR~~), are so built that they can automatically receive only the broadcasts of the Central Radio Information Office beamed at the entire territory of the USSR through the R.U. network ('Radio-Translatsionije (?) Uzi).
3. "Following this order, Kuznetsov, Chairman of the Federation of Soviet Trade Unions, instructed the regional Central Committee of the Trade Unions (Profsoyuz) to obtain and install the new wireless sets before 1 July 51.
4. "The new order is meant to prevent listeners in the USSR from receiving foreign broadcasts and is one of the radical measures by which Moscow tries to stop the penetration of news and information from abroad. These arrangements are, of course, primarily directed against the broadcasts of the Voice of America and of Radio Free Europe.

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